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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
COOPERATION: TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Conor Murphy (Ireland), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution
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Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems
of land-locked developing countries

The General Assembly.

Recalling the provisions of its resolutions 44/214 of 22 December 1989, 46/212 of 22 December 1991 and 48/169 of 21 December 1993,

Recognizing that the lack of territorial access to the sea, aggravated by remoteness and isolation from world markets, and prohibitive transit costs and risks impose serious constraints on the overall socio-economic development efforts of the land-locked developing countries,

Recognizing also that 16 of the land-locked developing countries are also classified by the United Nations as least developed countries and that their geographical situation is an added constraint on their overall ability to cope with the challenges of development,

Recognizing further that most transit countries are themselves developing countries facing serious economic problems, including the lack of adequate infrastructure in the transport sector,

Recalling that measures to deal with the transit problems of land-locked developing countries require closer and even more effective cooperation and collaboration between those countries and their transit neighbours,

Welcoming the entry into force of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea 1/ on 16 November 1994,

Recognizing the important role played by bilateral cooperative arrangements and regional and subregional cooperation and integration in alleviating the transit problems of the land-locked developing countries and improving the transit transport systems in land-locked and transit developing countries,

Recognizing also the importance of continuing the activities of the regional commissions to improve the transit transport infrastructure in the land-locked and transit developing countries,

Noting the importance of strengthening the existing international support measures with a view to addressing further the problems of land-locked developing countries,

1. Reaffirms the right of access of land-locked developing countries to and from the sea and freedom of transit through the territory of transit States by all means of transport, in accordance with international law;

2. Also reaffirms that transit developing countries, in the exercise of their full sovereignty over their territory, have the right to take all measures necessary to ensure that the rights and facilities provided for land-locked developing countries should in no way infringe upon their legitimate interests;

3. Calls upon both the land-locked developing countries and their transit neighbours, in the spirit of South-South cooperation, including bilateral cooperation, to implement measures to strengthen further their cooperative and collaborative efforts in dealing with their transit problems;

4. Appeals once again to all States, international organizations and financial institutions to implement, as a matter of urgency and priority, the specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries envisaged in the previous resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and in the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade 2/ and the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, adopted at the eighteenth special session of the General Assembly and contained in the annex to its resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, as well as the relevant provisions of the Programme of Action for

1/ Official Records of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, vol. XVII (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.V.3), document A/CONF.62/122.

2/ Resolution 45/199, annex.

the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s and the outcomes of recent major United Nations conferences relevant to land-locked developing countries; 3/

5. Invites the land-locked developing countries and their transit neighbours to intensify further their cooperative arrangements for the development of the transit infrastructures, institutions and services to facilitate the faster movement of goods in transit, with financial and technical assistance from donors and financial agencies;

6. Emphasizes that assistance for the improvement of transport transit facilities and services should be integrated into the overall economic development strategies of the land-locked and transit developing countries and that donor assistance should consequently take into account the requirements for the long-term restructuring of the economies of the land-locked developing countries;

7. Invites donor countries and multilateral financial and development institutions to provide land-locked and transit developing countries with appropriate financial and technical assistance in the form of grants or concessional loans for the construction, maintenance and improvement of their transport, storage and other transit-related facilities, including alternative routes and improved communications;

8. Invites the United Nations Development Programme further to promote, as appropriate, subregional, regional and interregional projects and programmes and to expand its support in the transport and communications sectors to the land-locked and transit developing countries and its technical cooperation for development geared towards promoting national and collective self-reliance among them;

9. Takes note of the report of the Second Meeting of Governmental Experts from Land-locked and Transit Developing Countries and Representatives of Donor Countries and Financial and Development Institutions held in New York from 19 to 22 June 1995, 4/ and endorses the Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation between Land-locked and Transit Developing Countries and the Donor Community contained therein;

10. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in collaboration with the donor countries and institutions, in particular, the United Nations Development Programme, the regional commissions and relevant subregional institutions, to organize, within existing resources, specific consultative groups, when requested by the land-locked and transit developing countries concerned, to identify priority areas for action at the national and subregional level and draw up action programmes with a time-frame for the period 1996-1997;

3/ Report of the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 3-14 September 1990 (A/CONF.147/18), part one.

4/ TD/B/42(1)-TD/B/LDC/AC.1/7.

11. Requests the Secretary-General to convene in 1997, within the overall level of resources for the biennium 1996-1997, another meeting of governmental experts from land-locked and transit developing countries, representatives of donor countries and financial and development institutions, including relevant regional and subregional economic organizations and commissions, to review progress in the development of transit systems in the land-locked and transit developing countries, taking into account, *inter alia*, the results of the consultative group meetings referred to in paragraph 10 above, with a view to exploring the possibility of formulating specific action-oriented measures and the ongoing study undertaken by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the implications of the globalization and liberalization of the world economy for the development prospects of land-locked developing countries;

12. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to seek voluntary contributions to ensure participation of representatives from land-locked and transit developing countries in the meeting of governmental experts from land-locked and transit developing countries, representatives of donor countries and financial and development institutions referred to in paragraph 11 above;

13. Notes with appreciation the contribution of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in formulating international measures to deal with the special problems of the land-locked developing countries, and urges the Conference, *inter alia*, to keep under constant review the evolution of transit-transport infrastructure facilities, institutions and services, monitor the implementation of agreed measures, collaborate in all relevant initiatives, including those of the private sector and non-governmental organizations, and serve as a focal point on cross-regional issues of interest to land-locked developing countries;

14. Invites the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to take appropriate measures for effective implementation of the activities called for in the present resolution and of existing measures in support of land-locked developing countries, within the context of the ninth session of the Conference;

15. Welcomes the note by the Secretary-General and the progress report of the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries, 5/ and requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations, together with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to prepare a report on the implementation of the provisions of the present resolution and submit it to the Trade and Development Board and to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session.



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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION:
UNITED NATIONS INITIATIVE ON OPPORTUNITY AND PARTICIPATION

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the
Committee, Mr. Conor Murphy (Ireland), on the basis of
informal consultations held on draft resolution
A/C.2/50/L.36

United Nations initiative on opportunity and participation

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 48/60 of 14 December 1993 and its decision 49/434 of 19 December 1994 on a United Nations initiative on opportunity and participation,

Reaffirming that one of the fundamental prerequisites of the achievement of sustainable development is broad-based public participation in decision-making,

Acknowledging the relevance of opportunity and participation in the economic and social development agenda of the United Nations, as reflected in the various international conferences and agreements related to the follow-up of the Rio process,

Commending the South Pacific Forum Vision Statement, ^{1/} adopted by the Twenty-sixth South Pacific Forum, held at Madang, Papua New Guinea, from 13 to 15 September 1995, which promotes opportunities for international and regional cooperation leading to growth with equity, broad-based participation and capacity-building for self-reliance,

^{1/} A/50/475, annex, appendix II.



Noting that the United Nations Panel on Opportunity and Participation met at United Nations Headquarters from 15 to 19 May 1995,

1. Welcomes the report of the United Nations Panel on Opportunity and Participation; ^{2/}

2. Takes note of the Panel's contribution to the completion of an agenda for development and the follow-up arrangements to the World Summit for Social Development, held in Copenhagen in March 1995;

3. Invites Member States, relevant organizations and agencies of the United Nations system to consider the insights and the recommendations of the Panel, particularly the relevant sections of its report related to the efforts to be made for the development of small and medium-sized enterprises in developing countries as an effective measure for promoting opportunity and participation in the context of national development and the economic and social development of all peoples;

4. Invites the Commission for Sustainable Development, in the overall framework of trade, environment and sustainable development, alleviating poverty and promoting sustainable agriculture and rural development and small-scale fisheries development, to draw upon the work of the Panel;

5. Invites the Committee for Development Planning, in accordance with its mandate, to take into account the recommendations of the Panel in its work in 1996 in the context of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade; ^{3/}

6. Encourages the relevant agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Development Programme and the regional commissions, to increase their efforts in promoting opportunity and participation and to develop those concepts and incorporate them into their strategies and programmes, including regional and national workshops and seminars;

7. Invites Member States and international organizations to make voluntary contributions to these efforts;

8. Encourages support for the widest possible dissemination of the report of the Panel to the international community.

^{2/} A/50/501 and Add.1, annex.

^{3/} Resolution 45/199, annex.



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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
COOPERATION: INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR THE
ERADICATION OF POVERTY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1996-1997

Observance of the International Year for the Eradication
of Poverty and Proclamation of the First United Nations
Decade for the Eradication of Poverty

Programme budget implications of draft resolution B contained
in document A/C.2/50/L.39

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with
rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 1, 3, 5 and 6 of draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.39, section B, the General Assembly would:

(a) Proclaim the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) (para. 1);

(b) Request the Secretary-General to establish within the Secretariat a clearly identifiable entity with the resources and number of qualified and competent Professional and support staff that are required to undertake a broad range of functions in support of the system-wide implementation of the eradication of poverty, including activities for the Decade, relying on the most efficient and cost-effective use of resources (para. 3);

(c) Decide to establish an ad hoc open-ended working committee of the General Assembly to elaborate an operational and comprehensive international framework of action for the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty, to begin its work as early as possible in 1996 (para. 5);

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(d) Also decide, for that purpose, to convene in New York two sessions of the ad hoc open-ended working committee, each for the duration of one week, so that it might complete its work no later than September 1996 in order to submit the draft international framework for action for adoption by the Assembly at its fifty-first session (para. 6).

I. DESCRIPTION OF ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES AND RESOURCES
RESULTING FROM THE DRAFT RESOLUTION

2. The activities proposed in the draft resolution would fall under programme 25 (Global social issues and policies) of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised. The activities relating to the observance of the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty in 1996 and related resources have also been programmed under subprogramme 4 (Strategies for poverty eradication) of programme A (Global social issues and policies) of section 7A (Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997. 1/ The activities proposed in the draft resolution in connection with the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) represent a new element for which no resources have been envisaged in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997.

3. In his reports on the draft programme for the observance of the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty (1996) 2/ and international cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries, 3/ the Secretary-General has proposed the programme of activities of the Secretariat and the organizations of the United Nations system in the context of the agenda item under consideration. Further responsibilities of the Secretariat are expected to arise from the operational and comprehensive international framework of action for the First Decade for the Eradication of Poverty to be elaborated by the ad hoc open-ended working committee of the General Assembly, as envisaged in operative paragraph 5 of section B of the draft resolution.

4. The eradication of poverty, as a commitment made by the World Summit for Social Development and in relation to the activities to be undertaken during the Year and the Decade, would involve several departments of the Secretariat and most organizations of the United Nations system. Within the Secretariat, the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, the Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis, the Department for Development Support and Management Services, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the regional commissions, as well as the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), will contribute to those activities within the context of their mandates. At the level of the system, task forces put in place by the Administrative Committee on Coordination on the follow-up of major United Nations conferences will ensure effective coordination of activities in support of national efforts.

5. With regard to operative paragraph 3 of section B of the draft resolution, the entity within the Secretariat that would undertake the "broad range of functions in support of the system-wide implementation of the eradication of poverty, including activities for the Decade" would be the Division for Social

Policy and Development of the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development. The Division would act as the focal point for the activities pertaining to the observance of the Year and the Decade. A request for additional resources for carrying out activities in relation to the eradication of poverty, amounting to 24 work-months of general temporary assistance funds at the P-4 level, has been presented by the Secretary-General under section 7A of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997. 4/ To strengthen the capacity of the Division for the implementation of those activities, there would also be a further reallocation of resources within the Division, supplemented by redeployment within the Department, as appropriate. In addition, it has been estimated that to ensure that the coordinating role of the focal point, including the substantive servicing of the open-ended working committee of the General Assembly and the substantive servicing of the Commission for Social Development in relation to poverty eradication, as well as the system-wide implementation of Decade activities, is performed effectively, a temporary post at the P-5 level for the biennium 1996-1997 would also be required. The post would be required in order to ensure systematic substantive support for the work of the ad hoc open-ended working committee of the General Assembly and subsequent coordination and monitoring of the implementation of the programme of activities in the context of the Decade at its initial stage. The related costs would amount to \$130,600. Moreover, \$29,600 would be required for staff assessment. It is estimated that the above coordination and monitoring responsibilities beyond 1997 would continue to be implemented within the Division's core resources.

6. With regard to the activities of the ad hoc open-ended working committee of the General Assembly envisaged in operative paragraphs 5 and 6 of section B of the draft resolution, it is understood that the committee would hold its first session from 25 to 29 March 1996 and its second session from 12 to 16 August 1996, in New York. There would be two meetings per day, with interpretation and translation services in all the official languages of the Organization.

7. The conference-servicing requirements for the above meetings are estimated at \$256,200 on a full-cost basis. These requirements would be dealt with within the overall provision for the conference-servicing of United Nations meetings and conferences, reserved in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 under section 26E (Conference services). The actual conference-servicing costs of the meetings would be reported to the General Assembly in the context of the budget performance report for the biennium 1996-1997.

II. PROPOSALS FOR ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES AND RESOURCES
TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET
FOR THE BIENNIUM 1996-1997

8. The following additional activities will be added:

Section 7A. Department for Policy Coordination and
Sustainable Development

3. SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Programme A. Global social issues and policies

Subprogramme 4. Strategies for poverty eradication

4. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Contribution to the activities of the relevant task forces established by the Administrative Committee on Coordination for the follow-up of major conferences on issues relating to the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty and the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006).

9. The resource requirements estimated in paragraph 5 above (\$130,600) would represent additional requirements not provided for in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997. In addition, \$29,600 would be required for staff assessment, to be offset by an equal amount of income under income section 1 (Income from staff assessment).

10. It will be recalled that, under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the proposed programme budget. Further, each statement of programme budget implications and each proposal for revised estimates should contain alternatives to the financing from the contingency fund of the proposed new activities.

11. With regard to the additional requirements of \$130,600, it was not possible to identify at this stage activities within programmes on "Social development" which could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the biennium to finance the costs of the activities under the draft resolution. In the event that resources from the contingency fund would not be available to finance the additional activities proposed in paragraph 8 above, the Secretary-General would make alternative proposals to the General Assembly in accordance with the procedure established in resolution 42/211.

III. SUMMARY

12. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.23, the additional activities listed in paragraph 8 above would be programmed under section 7A (Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997.

13. Subject to the guidelines for the use and operation of the contingency fund, an additional appropriation in the amount of \$130,600 would be required under section 7A (Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997. In addition, an appropriation in the amount of \$29,600 would be required under section 32 (Staff assessment) to be offset by an equal amount of income under income section 1 (Income from staff assessment).

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/50/6/Rev.1).

2/ A/50/551.

3/ A/50/396.

4/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/50/6/Rev.1), para. 7A.79.



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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION:
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee,
Mr. Conor Murphy (Ireland), on the basis of informal consultations
held on draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.38

United Nations system support for science and
technology in Africa

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the Vienna Programme of Action on Science and Technology for Development, 1/ adopted by the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development and subsequently endorsed and reaffirmed by the General Assembly,

Reaffirming also its resolution 46/151, the annex to which contains the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, having as its priority objectives the accelerated transformation, integration, diversification and growth of the African economies, in order to strengthen them within the world economy,

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "United Nations system support for science and technology in Africa", 2/ and the conclusions and recommendations contained therein,

1/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, Vienna, 20-31 August 1979 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.I.21 and corrigenda), chap. VII.

2/ A/50/125-E/1995/19, annex.



Recognizing the crucial significance of science and technology, including the related information technologies for planning, development and decision-making in science and technology and the promotion of endogenous capacity-building in science and technology in the process of growth and development,

Recognizing also that the fundamental objective of science and technology to meet basic needs should be to create conditions that increase the ability of people living in poverty to gain access to, fully understand, integrate, use and generate knowledge and technology creatively in order to satisfy their basic needs,

Stressing the importance of South-South cooperation in the promotion of science and technology in Africa in the context of modalities for technical cooperation among developing countries and economic cooperation among developing countries, among other things,

Noting the efforts being undertaken by African leaders within the Presidential Forum on the Management of Science and Technology for Development in Africa, 1995-2005,

Taking note of the Cairo Agenda for Action, adopted on 28 June 1995 by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its thirty-first ordinary session,

1. Takes note of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "United Nations system support for science and technology in Africa", 2/ and the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination thereon; 3/

2. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to promote and implement activities in support of science and technology in Africa in the context of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s;

3. Also requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the organizations, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, to make concrete proposals on activities, in the context of the mid-term review of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, to be carried out in 1996, aimed at strengthening United Nations system support for science and technology in Africa, taking into account the views and recommendations contained in the reports mentioned above and other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session.





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TRAINING AND RESEARCH: UNITED NATIONS INSTITUTE FOR
TRAINING AND RESEARCH

Draft resolutions submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the
Committee, Mr. Max Stadthagen (Nicaragua), on the basis
of informal consultations held on draft resolution
A/C.2/50/L.43

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 47/227 of 8 April 1993, 48/207 of
21 December 1993 and 49/125 of 19 December 1994,

Having considered the report prepared upon the request of the Board of
Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, entitled
"Summary of ongoing activities and brief identification of potential
developments of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research", 1/ and
taking into account the statements made before the Second Committee of the
Assembly,

Recognizing the successful implementation of the transfer of the
headquarters of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research from New
York to Geneva and the Institute's consolidating itself at its new location,

Taking note with interest of the measures taken to complete the
restructuring process of the Institute,

1/ A/50/539, annex.



Welcoming the measures already taken pursuant to General Assembly resolution 49/125 in order to resolve the problem the Institute had been experiencing with respect to the rent of its Geneva headquarters,

Recognizing that training activities should be accorded a more visible and larger role in support of the management of international affairs and in the execution of the economic and social development programmes of the United Nations system,

1. Reaffirms the relevance of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, particularly in the view of the many training requirements of all Member States;
 2. Invites the Institute to further develop its cooperation with United Nations institutes and other relevant national, regional and international institutes;
 3. Welcomes the decision of the Board of Trustees of the Institute, at its session and at its special session, inviting the Institute to open a liaison office in New York, in so far as this is possible within its existing resources and pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 47/227 and 49/125, in order to respond to the training needs of the missions and delegations of Member States in New York and in order to strengthen its cooperative relationship with the United Nations Secretariat;
 4. Urges all Member States to consider resuming or increasing their voluntary contributions to the restructured United Nations Institute for Training and Research, in particular to its General Fund;
 5. Encourages the Secretary-General to take relevant measures with respect to the regularization of the office of Executive Director of the Institute, taking into account the recommendations of the Board of Trustees;
 6. Requests the Secretary-General, duly taking into account the deliberations of the Board of Trustees, to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session on possible ways to strengthen the training activities of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and to better define its role.
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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of
the Committee, Mr. Max Stadthagen (Nicaragua), on
the basis of informal consultations held on draft
resolution A/C.2/50/L.14

Communication for development programmes in the United Nations system

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Communication for development programmes in the United Nations system", 1/ and the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on that report, 2/

Noting the need for the improvement of the development of communication capacities within the United Nations system to ensure effective inter-agency coordination and cooperation,

Recognizing the pivotal role of communication in the successful implementation of development programmes within the United Nations system and in the improvement of the interaction among actors in development, namely, the agencies, organizations, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, Governments and non-governmental organizations,

1/ A/50/126-E/1995/20, annex.

2/ A/50/126/Add.1-E/1995/20/Add.1, annex.



Recognizing also that the regional commissions can play a role, where appropriate, in the development of communication capacities for the development of developing countries,

Recognizing further the need for transparent and system-wide communication coordination within the United Nations system in order to improve the planning, formulation and execution of development programmes to benefit the international community, in particular the developing countries,

Aware of the need to intensify the efforts aimed at further reducing administrative and other related costs in various activities of organizations, agencies, funds and programmes within the United Nations system and improving the effectiveness of programme delivery as regards development programmes of the United Nations system as a development partner in the development of the developing countries,

Noting that the Joint Inspection Unit will be preparing a separate study entitled "A review of telecommunications and related information technologies in the United Nations system",

1. Takes note of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Communication for development programmes in the United Nations system", 1/ and of the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on that report; 2/
2. Recognizes the important role of communication for development programmes in the United Nations system in enhancing the transparency of system-wide coordination within the United Nations system, inter alia, for the development of the developing countries;
3. Invites the Committee on Information of the Secretariat, in accordance with its mandate, and where appropriate, to consider this issue at its forthcoming session;
4. Recognizes the need further to facilitate inter-agency cooperation and to maximize the impact of the development programmes of the entities concerned;
5. Also recognizes the role of effective communication in disseminating the outcome and follow-up of major United Nations conferences and in ensuring the effective flow of such information to various non-governmental organizations, including grass-roots-level organizations;
6. Encourages the relevant agencies, organizations, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions, as appropriate, to use informal mechanisms, such as round-table conferences to improve communication for development programmes in the United Nations system;
7. Takes note of decision 5.3 of the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, adopted at its one hundred thirty-ninth session, in which the Board requested the Joint Inspection Unit to prepare a study entitled "A review of telecommunications and related information technologies in the United Nations system" and, in this

context, invites the Joint Inspection Unit to take into consideration the requirements of developing countries;

8. Emphasizes the need for the relevant agencies, organizations, funds and programmes of the United Nations system to develop a systematic approach to capacity-building in the development of communication capacities, particularly with respect to the training of field workers and development workers and technicians as well as communication planners and specialists, especially in the developing countries;

9. Invites the relevant agencies, organizations, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, as well as Governments and the regional commissions, to consider identifying focal points for the purpose of facilitating dialogue in the exchange of information on communication on issues related to development so as to strengthen coordination and international cooperation in this area;

10. Invites all countries, in particular the donor community to provide resources, as appropriate, to support initiatives on development of capacities for developing countries;

11. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in accordance with that agency's mandate in the field of communication and with the relevant resolution adopted at its last general conference, to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session on the implementation of the present resolution and on a biennial basis thereafter.



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FOR 1996-1997

Note by the Secretariat

The General Assembly, in resolution 39/217 of 18 December 1984, paragraph 5, requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Second Committee for consideration and approval each year a proposed biennial programme of work. The draft biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 1996-1997, which is annexed to the present document, has been prepared on the basis of existing legislative authority. It also takes into account the draft proposals on which the Second Committee has taken action. The information contained in the annex, including that on documentation, will be updated orally by the Secretariat when the draft biennial programme of work for 1996-1997 is considered by the Committee.



(b) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (General Assembly resolutions 45/199, 47/152, 48/185 and 49/92)

(c) Net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 49/93)

(d) Financing of development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.56

(e) External debt crisis and development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.7

Item 3. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the implementation of resolution A/C.2/50/L.14 on communication for development

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.38 on United Nations support for science and technology in Africa

(a) Trade and development

Documentation Report of the ninth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.50)

Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX)) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening international organizations in the area of multilateral trade (General Assembly resolution 49/97)

Report of the Secretary-General on specific measures in favour of island developing countries (General Assembly resolution 49/100)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 49/102 on the transit system of the newly independent and developing land-locked States in Central Asia and their transit developing neighbours

(b) Food and sustainable agricultural development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-general on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 49/103

(c) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolutions 48/181 and 49/106)

(d) Industrial development cooperation

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 49/108 on industrial development cooperation

(e) Cultural development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on progress in the implementation of the Decade (General Assembly resolutions 41/187, 44/238, 45/189, 46/157 and 49/105) c/

(f) United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

Documentation Report of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (General Assembly resolution 47/180)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of and follow-up to the Conference, including the role of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.57)

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(g) Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution A/C.2/50/L.58 c/

Question for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Commodities (General Assembly resolution 49/104)

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(a) Implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

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Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity on the results of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.45) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution A/C.2/50/L.54 on the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.54)

- (b) Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the state of preparations for the 1997 special session (resolution A/C.2/50/L.23)

- (c) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the International Framework for the Decade (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.5) c/

Report of the Secretary-General containing proposals to enhance the programme and coordination capacity of the secretariat of the Decade (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.5)

- (d) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on action taken to implement General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.47

- (e) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.33

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Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Item 6. Training and research

United Nations University

Documentation Report of the Council of the United Nations University, including the information requested in General Assembly resolution 49/124 c/

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 49/124)

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Documentation Report of the Board of Trustees of the Institute

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Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on a multi-year thematic programme for future dialogue (resolution A/C.2/50/L.11)

Item 8. First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)

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Report of the Secretary-General on action taken to implement the programme for the observance of the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty (1996) (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.39)

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Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council e/

Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1999-2000

Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)

Documentation Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on progress in the implementation of the global strategy for the prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) (General Assembly resolution 47/40) g/

World Food Summit

Documentation Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the outcome of

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the World Food Summit (General Assembly resolution
A/C.2/50/L.51) c/

Item 2. Macroeconomic policy questions

Financing of development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of A/C.2/50/L.15 on the preparations for the convening of an international conference on the financing of development

Item 3. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.40 on the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa

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Documentation Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX)) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.18 on economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries

Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.59)

(b) Human settlements

Documentation Report of the Commission on Human Settlements, including the report of the Commission on the implementation of the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000 (General Assembly resolutions 32/162, 43/180 and 43/181) c/

(c) Science and technology for development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.25

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(d) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.31

(e) Women in development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development (General Assembly resolutions 42/178 and A/C.2/50/L.46) c/

(f) Human resources development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.34

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Documentation Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 48/180)

Item 4. Environment and sustainable development

Documentation Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII)) c/

Note by the Secretary-General on international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment (General Assembly resolution 3436 (XXX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the review of the arrangements for administrative support to the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.33)

(a) Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

Documentation Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission for Sustainable Development on its fifth session (General Assembly resolution 47/191)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.52 on desertification and drought

(b) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

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Item 5. Operational activities for development

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Documentation Report of the High-Level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution 33/134) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.16 on cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.48)

Item 6. Training and research

No advance documentation requested

Item 7. International migration and development, including the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.12)

Notes

a/ The Second Committee will, in accordance with established practice and in pursuance of General Assembly decision 38/429, hold a general debate each year at the beginning of its work.

b/ The list of questions and documentation under this item corresponds to requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Economic and Social Council completes its work in 1996.

c/ Report submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

d/ The programme of work and documentation list for 1997 will be updated in 1996, taking into account the relevant decisions of the General Assembly at its fiftieth session.

e/ The list of questions and documentation under this item is only indicative of requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Council completes its work in 1996.



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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION: WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of
the Committee, Mr. Conor Murphy (Ireland), on the
basis of informal consultations held on draft
resolution A/C.2/50/L.46

Women in development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 40/204 of 17 December 1985, 42/178 of 11 December 1987 and 44/171 of 19 December 1989, as well as all other relevant Assembly resolutions on the integration of women in development, and the resolutions adopted by the Commission on the Status of Women on the integration of women in development,

Bearing in mind the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and other recent major United Nations conferences and summits,

Recognizing the significant contribution that women make to economic activities and the major force that they represent for change and development in all sectors of the economy, especially in key areas, such as agriculture, industry and services,

Reaffirming that women are key contributors to the economy and to combating poverty through both remunerated and unremunerated work at home, in the community and in the workplace, and that the empowerment of women is a critical factor in the eradication of poverty,

Recognizing that the difficult socio-economic conditions that exist in many developing countries have resulted in the rapid feminization of poverty, especially in rural areas and in female-headed households,



Aware that the continued discrimination against women, their continued lack of equal access to education and training, and their lack of control over land, capital, technology and other areas of production impede their full contribution to and opportunity to benefit from development,

Recognizing that the informal sector is a major source of entrepreneurship and employment for women in many developing countries,

Noting the importance of the organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in facilitating the advancement of women in development,

1. Welcomes the adoption of the Beijing Declaration ^{1/} and Platform for Action ^{2/} by the Fourth World Conference on Women;

2. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development; ^{3/}

3. Calls for the urgent implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action as well as the relevant provisions contained in the outcome of all other major United Nations conferences and summits;

4. Stresses that a favourable and conducive international and national economic and financial environment and a positive investment climate are necessary for the effective integration of women in development;

5. Also stresses the importance of developing national strategies for promoting sustainable and productive entrepreneurial activities to generate income among disadvantaged women and women living in poverty;

6. Calls upon all Governments and all actors of society to implement the commitment made at the above-mentioned Conference to create an enabling environment by, inter alia, removing discriminatory barriers and ensuring the full and equal participation of women in economic activities through, inter alia, the adoption of gender-sensitive policies and legal measures and the provision of other necessary structures;

7. Urges all Governments to ensure women's equal rights and access to economic resources, and to increase women's access to credit by instituting innovative lending practices, including practices that integrate credit with services and training for women, and that provide flexible credit facilities to women, in particular rural women, women in the informal sector, young women and women who lack access to traditional sources of collateral;

^{1/} A/CONF.177/20, chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

^{2/} Ibid., annex II.

^{3/} A/50/399.

8. Urges Governments to develop and promote methodologies for incorporating a gender perspective into all aspects of policy-making, including economic policy-making;

9. Calls upon the United Nations system, in particular its funds and programmes and specialized agencies, and all other relevant organizations to promote an active and visible policy of mainstreaming gender perspective in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of all policies and programmes;

10. Urges the international community, the United Nations system and other relevant organizations to give priority to assisting developing countries' efforts to ensure the full and effective participation of women in deciding and implementing development strategies, including by increasing women's access to health care, capital, education, training and technology, as well as women's wider participation in decision-making;

11. Urges multilateral donors, international financial institutions and regional development banks to review and implement policies in support of national efforts to ensure that a higher proportion of resources reach women, particularly in rural and remote areas;

12. Requests the United Nations development system to work towards establishing a more coherent approach to its support for women's income-generating activities, in particular credit schemes;

13. Decides to include on the provisional agenda of its fifty-second session a sub-item entitled "Effective mobilization and integration of women in development";

14. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session a report on action taken to implement the present resolution.
